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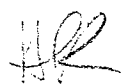
Re: Italian Patent Appln. 17/55
Our File 582-457 Italy

Dear Thelma:

As in the case of related applications in Italy, the above application has met with an Official Action requiring the submission of suitable documentation "apt to demonstrate that the smoke of the tobacco originating from the filter of the invention does not contain any residue of the materials used for its production, which could be harmful to the human health."

We must file a response to the Action by April 9, 1968 and we would appreciate your comments in connection with the same well in advance of the same.

Sincerely,



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